

SUPPLEMENTAL ESTIMATE OF APPROPRIATIONS,  
PANAMA CANAL, 1939

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COMMUNICATION

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

A SUPPLEMENTAL ESTIMATE OF APPROPRIATIONS AMOUNTING TO \$155,000 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1939, TO REMAIN AVAILABLE UNTIL EXPENDED FOR THE PANAMA CANAL, FOR COMPLETION, WITHIN THE CANAL ZONE, OF A MEMORIAL TO MAJ. GEN. GEORGE W. GOETHALS

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FEBRUARY 16, 1939.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations, and ordered to be printed

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THE WHITE HOUSE,  
*Washington, February 16, 1939.*

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith for the consideration of Congress a supplemental estimate of appropriation, amounting to \$155,000, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1939, to remain available until expended, for the Panama Canal, for completion, within the Canal Zone, of a memorial to Maj. Gen. George W. Goethals.

The details of this estimate, the necessity therefor, and the reasons for its transmission at this time are set forth in the letter of the Acting Director, Bureau of the Budget, transmitted herewith, with whose comments and observations I concur.

Respectfully,

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.

BUREAU OF THE BUDGET,  
Washington, February 15, 1939.

The PRESIDENT,  
*The White House.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit for your consideration a supplemental estimate of appropriation in the amount of \$155,000, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1939, to remain available until expended, for the Panama Canal, as follows:

#### THE PANAMA CANAL

Memorial to Maj. Gen. George W. Goethals: For completion of a memorial to Maj. Gen. George W. Goethals within the Canal Zone, authorized by the act of August 24, 1935 (49 Stat. 743), as amended by the act of May 23, 1938 (52 Stat. 436), including travel expenses of the members of the Goethals Memorial Commission appointed by the President under authority of said act of August 24, 1935, and of the employees of said Commission, employment of an architect or architects without regard to the provisions of other laws applicable to the employment or compensation of officers and employees of the United States, stationery and supplies, and all other necessary expenses, fiscal year 1939, to remain available until expended, \$155,000, together with the unexpended balance of the appropriation of \$5,000 made under this head by the War Department Civil Appropriation Act, 1938: *Provided*, That section 3709, Revised Statutes (41 U. S. C. 5), shall not apply in the case of any expenditure hereunder where the aggregate amount involved does not exceed \$500.

The act of August 24, 1935, authorized the President, through such person or persons as he might designate, to select an appropriate site within the Canal Zone and to cause to be erected thereon a suitable memorial of heroic size to Maj. Gen. George W. Goethals in commemoration of his service in connection with the construction and operation of the Panama Canal. This act, as amended by the act of May 23, 1938, authorized the appropriation of not to exceed \$160,000 for every object connected with its purposes, including site development and any essential approach work.

Under the authority mentioned you appointed a commission to be known as the Goethals Memorial Commission and, in the War Department Civil Appropriation Act, 1938, the sum of \$5,000 was appropriated to cover preliminary expenses of the Commission. The selection of a type and site for a suitable memorial has now been made by the Commission, which, I am advised, is acceptable to the Panama Canal authorities. The Commission is now ready to proceed with the construction of the memorial, and the purpose of the supplemental estimate of appropriation herewith submitted is to provide the necessary funds therefor.

The submission of this supplemental estimate of appropriation is necessary to provide for a contingency which has arisen since the transmission of the Budget for the fiscal year 1939. I recommend that it be transmitted to Congress.

Respectfully,

F. J. BAILEY, *Executive Assistant*,  
(For and in the absence of the  
Acting Director of the Bureau of the Budget.)

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